

# UNITED CROQUET CLUB Inc

North Hagley Park, Riccarton Avenue  
CHRISTCHURCH 1



NEWSLETTER



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 1.<sup>30</sup> p.m. 25 May 1996

This is your official notice as required by our rules.

Business: To receive reports and financial statement.  
To appoint executive for the 1996/97 season  
To set the annual subscription and green fees  
General business.

Nominations for office are invited - see the notice board in the club rooms. If you wish any matter discussed, please contact secretary, Ian Coop, at ☎ 351 8084.



## CLOSING DAY - Saturday 20 April

Start: 11 a.m. with drinks  
Lunch 12.30 p.m. and presentations  
Play 1.30 p.m. fun croquet to 3.30 p.m.

Please bring your own drinks and lunch. - *shared finger lunch*



## EASTER TOURNAMENT

Sorry! - cancelled through lack of entries. There has been a tournament of some sort each second week since the Nationals at the beginning of the year so I guess we are just about croqueted out. But! - knowing how disappointed you will be we are holding a special Open Day on Easter Monday with fun croquet from 9.30 a.m. Members of other clubs have been invited and we hope you will bring a friend or two. Please also bring your own lunch and a plate for afternoon tea. (Usual green fees of \$5 apply for non-members).



## THE NATIONALS

A great experience watching New Zealand's best players isn't it? (And a little depressing in a positive way). IF THEY CAN DO IT, SO CAN WE!!! All visitors commented on the excellence of our lawns and our thanks go to Bill Malloch for the great greenkeeping job he does for us. Thanks also to Malcolm Long for his early morning green dressing each day - to Joan Tyler and her catering helpers, and to all those members who helped with raffles, daily sausage sizzles and the two BBQs. Oh yes - and we made over \$2,000. Well done everyone.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO :

### Silver Badge Competition

Senior A	Peter Couch	Winner ☺
A Grade	Michael Harrison	Winner ☺
B Grade	Bruce Newburgh	Runner up ☺
C Grade	James Marsh	Winner ☺

### Canterbury Croquet Association

Senior Mens	Peter Couch	Winner
Senior Championship Doubles	Jane McIntyre/Ian Dumergue	Winners
Junior Mens Championship	Bruce Newburgh	Winner
Canterbury B Grade Championship	Bruce Newburgh	Runner up
B Grade Championship Doubles	Shirley Bruce/Bruce Newburgh	Runners up

### National Events

NZ Mens/Womens Championships	Jane McIntyre	Winner
NZ National Championship Open Doubles	Graham Beale/Richard Baker	Winners

### Canterbury Interclub

A Grade B Team captained by	Marie Delahunty	<del>Winners</del> <i>Runners - up</i>
Intermediate captained by (*were placed 1st equal with St James but lost on a play off)	Ngairé Gash	Runners up*
B Grade A Team captained by	Shirley Bruce	Winners

### Other

Johnson Memorial	James Marsh/Bruce Newburgh	Runners up
Agnes Dick	James Marsh/Bruce Newburgh	Winners

Two of our members reached the finals of the Canterbury Handicap Tournament and were placed third and fourth.



### FROM OUR 'I only believe it because YOU told me' FILE

Believe me - the Canterbury Association was the first in New Zealand - its inaugural meeting was held on 3 August 1910 and its first tournament was held in 1911. In 1912 the Canterbury Association contacted all NZ clubs proposing the formation of a National Council - would you believe that they were not interested? In 1919 we tried again - this time the rest of the country had caught up to us and the first National Body was formed. The first National President was the well known Christchurch player, E J Ross. You guessed it - he was the father of Arthur Ross (of trophy fame) who won the NZ Open eleven times. His name appears on the Council Honours List 47 times.



### MAUDE TRAINOR TOURNAMENT

The over 65s enjoyed a week of it with 61 combatants (sorry, that should be participants). The weather was bad, with rain each morning, improving to just miserable in the afternoons. I didn't hear one complaint - the oldies can take it. The tournament made us a little over \$800 and we all had a lot of fun.



### PLEASE!

When practising please count the number of balls you start and finish with. On three occasions during the past few months odd balls have been found around the boundary where they have lain at least overnight.

It is more than the \$65 per ball at stake as it takes a full set of four to replace one lost one (equivalent to the annual sub of two members). Thanks!

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AT LAST the winter is dead and spring has brought the daffodils, street collections, lower power bills and a new bottle of sun screen - oh yes, and CROQUET. On the down side (if street collections weren't enough) we are all a year closer to the day we stop believing in Father Christmas and the 'wine box' conspiracy.

In the meantime we have lots of goodies to look forward to and pleasant games to play.



#### THE CLUB HOUSE

Your committee has looked at the possibility of widening the room by two metres, with glass doors opening onto a decking. It is practical, feasible, desirable and most importantly, financially possible. The cost will be a little over the cost of two shelters.

The money will be raised by a levy of \$1,000 on each member - JUST JOKING!! Frightened myself that time!!

We have about half the money invested at present, and plenty of ideas on how to raise the balance. This will involve no financial burden on any member although a few may be asked to give a little of their time. Of course, no decision will be made until the facts are provided to all members at a general meeting.

**More on the Clubhouse:** Don't the new chairs look great? For the benefit of those who haven't been along lately, Geoffrey found 27 chairs at an auction of surplus American Base equipment (it seems the presidential campaign is proving to be more costly than expected) and found he had bought them as he demonstrated a hammer shot to a bystander. Fortunately they were very cheap and our Treasurer saw the funny side. With the help of Ngaire (who has donated the material) Geoffrey is repairing and upholstering them.

#### \$\$ TRIP COSTS/DONATION

If you are accepting a lift you are ~~expected~~ encouraged to make a token contribution to the vehicle running costs. Our recommendation is:

	Per person
Within the city	\$2
Diamond Harbour/Rangiora	\$3
Akaroa	\$4
Ashburton	\$5
Elsewhere	By arrangement

This is an annual reminder which, by setting a fixed amount, helps to avoid the embarrassment of offering and accepting.



#### CLUB COMPETITIONS

A little belatedly we enclose your entry form. Please complete **immediately** and, to save time, hand (or post) to James. The forms must be received by James by Saturday 9 November and all games completed by Friday 28 February 1997. An event will be cancelled if less than four entries are received.



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A carton has been placed under the blackboard and Vicki would appreciate your contribution of a prize. Anything would be appreciated - a bottle of wine, tin of peaches ... money clip of \$50 notes ...



### NEW MEMBER

A sincere welcome to Shirley Jeppe of 3/28 Taupata Street, Christchurch 8. Tel 384 1469. Please add to your membership list.



### SNIPPETS FROM NZCC

- \* Jane McIntyre has been selected to represent New Zealand at the 'Transtasman Challenge' to be held at Noosa, Queensland in May 1997 - well done, Jane!
- \* The New Zealand Open Championships being held in Auckland in January 1997 are to be sponsored by Guardian Trust, with prizes totalling \$1,500. Our own John Prince was the last South Islander to win in 1987, having first won in 1967.



### CHRISTMAS CROQUET

We will be closing for the year on Saturday 21 December.

- Morning - the usual draw (some will be playing Saturday interclub)
- 1.15 p.m. - Fun croquet
- 3.30 p.m. - Afternoon tea, a speech if we are lucky, and the drawing of the raffle.

Please bring a plate. Club days recommence Wednesday 8 January 1997.



### "PROFESSIONAL" CROQUET

On Thursday 24 October eight staff members each of chartered accountants Price Waterhouse and investment bankers Forsyth Barr Ltd met after work for the game of the year playing one ball croquet, with the help of some of our members.

- \* all had plenty of laughs;
- \* our bank account expanded a little from green fees, and
- \* the reputation of croquet as a fun game benefited a great deal.

The investment bankers won - don't they always?

